have any show at the Patent Office?"
"I should think it might," said Mr. Bowen
"Does a thing ever strike them as too
absurd to be considered?"

patent for something never invented," s the reporter.
"If it did the applicant would only be

Mr. Bowen

granting the patent

much out of pocket for nothing," returned

What are your fees as solicitor ?" asked

Does the inventor have to te 1 you what

the reporter.
"Thirty-five dollars for drawing the speci

fication and for preparing the drawings which are to illustrate the invention. Sometimes the drawings may be only \$3 or \$5, and sometimes they may be \$50, according to the nature of the objects to be portrayed."

"Does the inventor have to tell you what the invention is?" queried the reporter "Yes. Because otherwise the specification cannot be made out clearly. The most use-ful patent is one that covers the smallest thing. Then there is no chance for a varia-tion on it. I am an expert in getting up these specifications. I take them home, think them over, see how they ought to be

had been entertaining an angel unawares. This idea was rather strengthened when Mr.

you applying for some one else?"
"Oh, it would be for me," said the reporter hastily. "I didn't know you could get another person's idea patented.
"How long does it take to get the patent?"

Twenty-five dollars is what is due to this

There are none from us. The \$25 covers

"And is that all, or are there a lot of ex-penses that one gets led into that were not anticipated by him?"

"And how long does it take?"
"That depends a good deal on the class," said Mr. Briesen.
"Well, to make paper out of the red part

welcome to do so, since to the fecundity of

the normal reporter such little inventions can be thrown off like sparks from an emery wheel when the steel is brought in contact

The world of would-be inventors who know

not how much they must pay to make their inventions their own may gather some in-formation and satisfaction from the disinter-ested quest of The Evening World man.

What Kept Her.

[From the Washington Critic.]
Mamma (at 11, 30 r. m.)—What on earth has kept
ou out so late, daughter?
Daughter—Nothing on earth, mamma. George
and I were gazing at the stars.

In the Labor Field.

During the month of July the Tailors' National Union paid out as strike benefits \$14,000.

The agitation of the knights of Labor has re-

Harry Skeffington, the Master Workman of the Specific Assembly, is working hard for the

Sailors at Chicago, through their union, have secured an advance of 50 cents per day in their wages.

The Workingwomen's Sick and Death Benefit

A number of practical glass-workers of Browns-vide, Ps., have under consideration the erection of a co-operative window-glass works.

The paper-hangers employed in McManus's buildings in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, are on strike for wages due. They are employed by Becker & Rosenberg.

Rosenberg.

Labor Commissioner Peck's report says that

Association, of Jersey City, is compose female members of labor unions.

duly recognized.

question.

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#### A PAPER OF ACTION.

So those free lectures are coming. Well, it's no secret that the bill providing for them was originated by THE EVENING WORLD.

And this reminds us:

The half-holiday repeal was opposed by THE EVENING WORLD, and it was defeated. The bobtail inggernaut was attacked by THE EVENING WORLD, and it has surrendered

and will soon disappear. The policy shops, who had so long evaded the police, were exposed by THE EVENING WORLD, and the ringleaders are indicted and awaiting trial.

The evening opening of Stuyvesant Park was demanded by THE EVENING WORLD, and it is open. Next

#### THE CORONES AND THE BOBTAILS.

The people of New York are, in a great measure, indebted to Coroner MESSEMES for the coming relief from the bobtail car nuisance. The Coroner's firm stand in the Twenty-third Street Railroad Company's case was instrumental in securing the passage and approval of the ordinance requiring the abandonment of the bobtail and the employment of conductors on that line, on or before Dec. 1st next. It also established the authority of the Coroner in such cases to hold to bail on the charge of manslaughter any person found to be indirectly responsible for the killing of a human being, and this is a valuable point gained for the protection of the lives of our citizens.

Further proceedings in the LEVY case have been properly discontinued by the Coroner. who has accomplished all he sought to accomplish in the public interest, and has no desire to make a public prosecution a persecution responsible for Mrs. Levr's death, the corporation was running its cars on that system under the authority of the law, until the passage of the ordinance requiring its aban-

Coroner MESSEMER is now engaged in inquiring into the killing of a poor little Italian boy by a car of the Broadway and Seventh avenue bobtail line. This is a different case, as the driver is accused of wilful carelessness, while when Mrs. Levy was killed was engaged in discharging the conductor's duties required of him by the bobtail system. The Coroner is determined that as strict an inquest shall be held on the killing of this poor child as was held in the Twenty-third street case, where the victim was a lady of wealth, and he yesterday held the Seventh avenue driver to bail pending the investigation.

## THE MAYOR ON REILLY.

The barefaced whitewashing bestowed on the County Democratic Commissioner of Jurors Reilly by the County Democratic Commissioners of Accounts is too much for Mayor Hewirr to stand, The ex - Deputy Receiver of Erie, resigned that position at the quest of Mr. HUGH J. JEWETT, and the "great accountant" Daly, failed to discover anything in or about REILLY's office that indicates want of integrity in the management of its affairs. Mayor HEWITT is evidently startled at this announcement in view of THE WORLD's revelations of the transactions of Mr. REILLY, and he submits the matter to the Corporation Counsel, who, by the way, also belongs to the County Democracy or-

Now, will Mayor HEWITT seriously consider whether the present Commissioners of Accounts are fit men for the position they hold, even if that commission is in itself of the slightest usefulness or value to the public interests? Recently the Commissioners shamelessly whitewashed Chamberlain Ivins's action in relation to the deposits in the Depository Banks, and impudently assorted that no "favoritism" had been shown in these deposits. They confined their inquiry to a few months under Comptroller Myzne's rule, when the preceding two years would have shown them that certain favored banks were allowed to retain steadily from \$1,000,000 to nearly \$2,000,000 of the city's moneys. And very little investigation

might have revealed the cause of this favor-

Will Mayor HEWITT bear in mind that he has the power to remove the Commissioners of Accounts at any time?

THOSE PREE LECTURES.

The resolution to appropriate \$9,200 for the purpose of providing free lectures to the workingmen and workingwomen of New York, for the current year, was introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Apportionment by Comptroller Myens. The money was to be procured by the transfer of that sum from an unexpended appropriation made to the Board of Education in 1887.

All this is in strict accordance with law. and the Corporation Counsel has already decided that the act making provision for the Free Lectures, in accordance with the proposition of THE EVENING WORLD, is mandatory on the city authorities. But Mayor HEWITT for some reason wanted delay, and so the resolution so promptly and generously introduced by Comptroller Myers was laid over until the next meeting, when the Board of Education will make an official request for the transfer.

The money will be furnished and the lectures will be held. THE EVENING WORDD is not accustomed to do things by halves. When we determined to advocate and press for this boon to the workingmen and workingwomen of the city who desire to improve their minds and to gather information, we took care that the law should be so framed as to make it mandatory on the city to supply the necessary funds. The lectures will be a source of amusement as well as of instruction to the toilers of the city, and their fidelity entitles them to the consideration.

The campaign "Southern outrage" has commenced. But this time Senator CHAN-DLER and the Republican organs are dumb. The boot is on the wrong leg. The two men shot down and murdered at a church near Parkersburg, West Virginia, were killed for a hurrahing for CLEVELAND.

The Old Roman, ALLEN G. THURMAN is expected to reach the city to-day. His speech to-morrow evening will be a grand one in support of the true issue of Tariff Reform and Tax Reduction against High Protection for Monopolies and Trusts.

GOOD THINGS A PLENTY.

Whitefish, 15 cents. Egg plant, 5 to 10 cents. Lemons, 25 for 25 cents. Pears, \$1 to \$1,75 a basket. Muskmelone, 5 to 90 cents. Radishes, 2 cents a bunch. Blackfish, 10 cents a pound, Weakfish, 12 cents a pound. Watermelons, 25 to 45 cents. cumbers, 10 cents a dozen. Lafayettes, 10 cents a pound. Bluefish, 10 to 15 cents a pound. Yellow perch, 10 cents a pound. Best butter, 27 cents a pound. Peaches, 75 cents to \$1, 25 a basket. Green pess scarce, 25 cents a half peck

## POLITICAL POINTS.

Col. Fellows has returned from Maine, where he elivered several speeches. He says the Republic an majority will be reduced in the State of Blaine enant of ex-Senator Globs, in the Thirteenth Disrict, has joined Tammany Hail. He was the Republican candidate for Civil Justice in the Eighth

Indicial District last November. Sixty-four members of the County Democracy County and District Committees of the Twentyhird District have resigned from the machine. They will follow Justice White into the Porroy nation. Among them are Civil Pallon, John M. Coman, ex-Alderman Ferrigan, Bernard Malone, Samuel Hendricks, John Halloran and Daniel M. Van Cott.

There will be an anti-Hill meeting at Cooper Institute Friday evening. It has been got up by Republicans and dissatisfied Demograts. The exenses of the meeting will probably be paid by the Republican State Committee and a few rich Democrats who have all along been opposed to the Governor.

The Dry Goods Men's Cleveland and Thurman Club promises to be the largest campaign club in the city. Its membership will probably number A downtown dry goods firm has an order for the

A New Yorker who has been spending his vacaion in Connecticut said to-day; "Connecticut will give Cleveland 5,000 majority. The workingmen

thoroughly understand the tariff question, and cannot be fooled by the free-trade scarecrow." Billy Edwards made the following announcement at the Hoffman House last evening: "I know a

man who will bet \$5,000 to \$3,000 that Cleveland will be elected." The Out-door Tariff Debating Club meets every evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, corner of I wouty-third street. Last night the debate was a

flerce one and drew a large audience. The de-

baters are generally strangers to each other.

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?

Woman Who Wedded a Club Man Inclined to Think It Is.

To the Editor of The Evening World : I have been reading the London Daily Telegraph lately and have become deeply interested in the discussion of the question "Is Marriage a Failure?" which has been going on in its columns. I should like to hear from some of our New York wives and husbands, as, like many other women, the subject is to me one of vital importance.

I started upon my wedded life some years ago with the old-fashioned idea that I was destined to be the confidential companion of my husband, proud of the honor he had con ferred upon me and-all the rest of it. I did not then think that my ideas were old-fashioned. It is subsequent events that have impressed me with the belief that I am beimpressed me with the belief that I am be-hind the times.

My husband is at his office all day. When

he returns at night he is hungry, and what is more fatally uninteresting than a hungry man. After dinner, however, when I hoped for the domestic happiness my long hours alone had carned for me he goes to his club. He returns late at night. I have ceased to wait up for him. I see him, perhaps, for about three hours in the week. He is intolerably indifferent. He always impresses me with the belief that I am a burden to be en-dured with as much stoicism as possible. A feeling of resentment, a deadly foe to wife-

ly love has arisen within me. The domestic instinct is chilled. I am forced to attend those receptions and entertainments which in my heart I despise.

my heart I despise.
"Is marriage a failure?" the London Tele-graph asks. I think it is, and I think that nine women out of ten will agree with me.
New York, Sept. 4. A WIFE.

# **WATERMELON PAPER**

An "Evening World" Man's Efforts to Have It Patented.

Its Novelty Doesn't Even Wring a Smile from Patent Lawyers.

What the Poor Inventor Has to Pay for His Ideas.

The fact that there are dozens of lawyers in New York City who make it a specialty to secure patents for geniuses who have dis covered a new means of telegraphing or of securing a baby's linen, or anything else great or useful, which has not been done before, or is done, in a way that no one ever thought of doing it before, led to the reflec tion that invention must be a much more common quality of the American mind than generally imagined.

The thought also arose: What could be th tax that these young pioneers in the path of science and inventive creation had to pay to the middle men, the lawyers who secured their patents for them Believing the matter one that would repay investige tion, an Evening World reporter collected several addresses from the New York Busi ness Directory and resolved to go forth in quest of information.

Some invention was necessary to obtain patent. What would be a good one? Mr Gulliver, in his travels, ran across an insti tution for inventors that was at least as extensive as our Patent Office in Washington, and among the many wonderful schemes there was one for the extraction of sunlight from cucumbers and bottling it for winter

Watermelons are in some respects not un like cucumbers. They are green on the outside and grow on vines. Why would it not be a good scheme to have some watermelon invention? the red part of the watermelon is of ex-

tremely delicate wood fibre. Paper made from watermelon might not be worse than smilight extracted from cucumbers. Of course, it would take a large number of water-melons to make a very little paper, if paper could be made from it at all. But who cares or expense? delicate fibre of the water melor

The delicate nore of the water melon should make a paper possessing qualities hitherto unattained by any other paper. Its merit would lie in its successive thinness and tenacity, and wonderful softness, on the one hand, while on the other, it could'nt help being capable of a compression which should make cards of it like plates of steel, with a fluick finer than satin.

make cards of it like plates of steel, with a finish finer than satin.

Indeed the reporter became so impressed by the plausibility of the scheme that he was almost tempted to buy a watermelon and experiment to see whether he might not, at a playful venture, have made a discovery that would bring him rame and boodle galore.

But as the main idea was to see the pecuniary difficulties that lie before the impecunious invenior and to find out whether a poor man with a rich idea may be so handicapped

man with a rich idea may be so handicapped by the money it takes to make his invention profitable to him that it has to lie fruitless in his mind or be exposed only to reap golden harvests for somebody else, the reporter con-bidered that the scheme was sufficiently de-eloped without making any experiments of reducing the theoretical process down to too reducing the theoretical process down to too fine a point.

Accordingly he made his way to William C.
Behrens, 5 Beekman street, who figures in the business directory as a solicitor of pat-ents. This number on Beekman street is

Temple Court, and, referring to the directory, in that spacious building, he found that the gentleman in question had an office on the third floor, room 43.

He presented himself there accordingly. A gentleman with a full short brown beard state the deck.

sat at the desk.
"Are you Mr. Behrens?" asked the reporter.
"No. Mr. Behrens is out. I am Mr. Bowen.
"You are a solicitor of patents?"

Yes."
Well, I should like to inquire about two or three points," said the reporter.
"I will tell you anything you know," said Mr. Bowen, politely,
"What are the expenses which an inventor

know," said Mr. Bowen, politely.

"What are the expenses which an inventor has to incur in order to secure a patent?"

"In the first place," answered Mr. Bowen, "there is a Goverment fee of \$15 on the the papers as filed and which is entirely independent of the invention. It may be a steam engine or something bigger still, or it may be a button or a pin. The fee for filing the papers which ask for the patent is this \$15 which goes to the Government. This therefore has to be paid whether the patent is granted or not, and is a necessary expense independent of that point entirely.

"When the notice is served that the patent is ready to be allowed then the Government receives another fee of \$20. So if the inventor succeeds in securing his patent he has to pay the Government \$35. If he applies for it and it is denied, whatever the reason may be why he does not secure it, the expense will be \$15, and only that. This expense is to the Government.

"Then comes our part of the business. This consists in presenting the case and the

This consists in presenting the case and the drawings which should accompany it."

"But suppose that it is not necessary to send any drawings?" asked the reporter, with his fancy busy in imagining what artist could portray the reduction of the ruddy interior of a watermelon into a delicious, flexible, satiny paper, to be devoted to the most

satiny paper, to be devoted to the most recherche uses of stationery. "You mean some chemical process, per-"You mean some chemical process, perhaps?" inquired the solicitor.

"Well, not necessarily a chemical process, Suppose that it it merely the mechanical reduction of some object to another use or purpose, foreign to those to which it has been hitherto applied?"

This with a secretive six as if the reporter.

This with a secretive air, as if the reporter were afraid that the watermelon paper scheme would get into the air and that there would be a rush on the Patent Office by keen-eyed sharpers, who would hasten to avail them-selves of such a bonanza.

sharpers, who would hasten to avail themselves of such a bonanza.

"Oh, you mean a new disposition of material," said Mr. Bowen. "In that case there would be no need of any drawings and that would be a little less expense. The drawings are made at our expense in ink, so that they may be photo-lithographed by the Patent Office in case of some application for a kindred process. Then they can be sent to the new applicant to show him that his invention has been forestalled."

"Here," said Mr. Bowen, taking some papers from a drawer. "is the way we prepare the petition of specification." He showed the reporter a printed form or legal document setting forth what the thing was for which a patent was asked and giving the name of the solicitors who applied for it. Accompanying this were diagrams showing what the invention claimed to be.

what the invention claimed to be. The reporter examined to be.

The reporter examined them and in his mind's eye saw a minute explanation of the possibilities of watermelon pulp as a ma-

terial for superfine paper.

"It rarely happens." said Mr. Bowen,
"that in the case of application for a patent
the petition goes through without any
amendment. Here is a case that is drawn up
under the amendment. All these references."

and he indicated several which were named in the document he held before the reporter, "have been put in this amended petition. "Sometimes it may be necessary to go to Washington to see about the case or to employ some special help that will bring up the expenses slightly. But that is not usual."

"Then the application for a patent involves an expense of about \$40 or \$45 in

any case, whether it is granted or not, and if it is granted, an expense of \$60 or \$65?" queried the reporter.

"Yes, that is about the figure." said Mr. Bowen. "If the search is made and it is discovered that the patent has already been granted, then there is an item of \$5 only for instituting the search which made this plain."

"Would paper made from the red pulp of the watermelon and possessing peculiar gall-

the watermelon and possessing peculiar qualities lacking in other paper be likely to secure a patent?"
"Yes. Even the application of matter to a new use is a novelty, independently of any A Park Row policeman with blue eyes and blond mustache was lately called on to arbitrate in a case between two newsboys, Well, do you think such a thing would One, a bare-headed boy with rather moist eyes and an excited manner, rushed up to bins bna min

"Officer, this feller's got my hat 'nd he won't give it to me."

A larger boy with beady black eyes carrying a light-colored felt hat.

absurd to be considered?"

Then they may ask for a specimen of the result or require an affidavit from the inventor that he can do that."

"Then the Patent-Office might grant a "Is this hat yours?" the officer asked of the larger boy, who was composed in his

> "And you say it is yours, do you?" to the other boy. Yes. Here's a fellow what's seen me a Can you swear that it's yours?" said the

Mr. Bowen.

The next solicitor of patents called on by the reporter was Mr. James M. Hicks, of 19 Park place. The reporter wished to see if there was any difference in the tariff of prices by the different practitioners. Mr. Hicks was a mild-spoken gentleman, who was smoking a cigar. Can you swear that it's yours?" said the officer. "There are a dozen hats like this. Did you have any mark in it?"
"No. That feller put a mark in it. I bought it at Chatham street, officer."
The usual crowd had collected. A big man came along, and saying, "Move on! Don't block the sidewalk!" shoved himself officer. was a limit of the service of the se forward, and then, with great consistency, brought his 300 pounds and 3 feet of beam to anchor in the middle of the way. The officer transferred the court to the curbstone. tions in regard to securing one, and the expense of it."
Mr. Hicks professed his willingness to satisfy the curiosity of the Evening World

"It's a hat. See?" he said, sarcastically, holding up the object in litigation to the crowd on the outside. "Now move along there. What are you stopping for?" man.

The question as to necessary expenses was met by the same answers as those which Mr. Bowen had given. The government fees of \$15 for filing the application and of \$20 for

there. What are you stopping for?"
After this gentle rebuke the Court resumed judicial proceedings. Each boy was ready to swear the hat was his.
"Well, I'll have to take you both to the station-house and make you swear to it there," and he walked them off.
Subsequently it turned out that the small boy who claimed the hat had fallen asleep and some one had stolen his hat, which looked like this one. But this was no case. looked like this one. But this was no case, and the coveted head-gear want to the boy in

" Pessession is nine points of the law." If the officer had known Solomon's bluff about the baby which was claimed by two women he might have proposed cutting the hat in two, and sharing it thus between the two boys. But the result arrived at was two boys. But the i probably the right one.

Fire Chief Purroy's legenious Device for Timing an Eugine's Start.

expressed so as to cover the point entirely and at the same time be as clear as possible." "Does a thing secure a patent if it is a new use of something. Now, if a paper combin-Chief Purroy, of the Second Battalion New Does a ting secure a parent of the paper combining peculiar excellencies can be made out of the fibre of the red part of the watermelon, could that be patented? Of course there are York Fire Department, is the inventor of an ingenious device for measuring to a fraction of a second the time which elapses between dozen processes for making paper."
"That would be enough for getting a patthe receiving of an alarm of fire and the deent, if it has never been used before," said Mr. Hicks, with perfect gravity. The reporter began to think there really might be something in the watermelon idea and that he

parture of the engine.

The apparatus is on exhibition at the quarters of Engine Company No. 7, on Chambers street, where it has been in successful operation for some weeks.

An ordinary horse-timer, with split seconds, is affixed to the wall, inclosed in a neat weeks.

'Are you the inventor of the idea, or are wooden box. From the starting and stop-ping catches are suspended two small weights, each resting on a separate cross bar. When an alarm is sounded the bell ham-mer releases another weight, which in falling "How long does it take to get the patent?" inquired the reporter.

"That is not certain. Certain classes are longer than others. I have received an answer in two weeks, and I have had to wait nine months for a patent. The first was very short; the second was very long. The average length is probably six weeks before you hear, and then you may be sure that it will be rejected. You have got to answer this, and show that the reasons given for the rejection do not hold. Finally, the application gets into the lands of the examiner, and then you have simply to wait till it is acted on."

"Are the rates different at all with the several solicitors of patents?" inquired the strikes the cross bar on which the starting weight is resting. This weight falling starts the timer and at the same instant unfastens the electric snap by which the horses are held in the stall.

The work of hitching up then commences, and the first revolution of the engine wheel takes it over a knob in the floor, which, on being pressed down by the weight of the engine, releases the "stopping weight" on the horse-timer, which leaves the needle at the exact second that the engine was ready to

leave the house.

Fireman Banks took great pleasure in showing The Evening World man the method of operation and proudly exhibited the company journal in which the time is registered. eral solicitors of patents?" inquired the EVENING WORLD man.

'There is not much difference. The registered. Scientific American gets a patent for \$25. But it comes to about the same thing in the end."
The Evenino World man thanked Mr. Hicks for his information, and went off with much more respect for his invention than he registered.

One entry made at 10 o'clock in the morning showed that just ten and one-quarier seconds elapsed between the receipt of the alarm and the departure for the fire, while other entries in the early hours of the morn-ing, when the men were in bed, showed records varying from eleven to fourteen sec-

had entertained hitherto.

It had not awakened a cruel, incredulous smile on the solicitor's face, nor had he raised his eyebrows or shown any trace of This is the only apparatus of its kind in that discouraging coldness which is so de-pressing to ardent souls who are conscious of their superiority, but are fearful of not meeting with minds great enough to have it

A Jeweller Who Sells Movements and Har a Queer Credit System.

So the reporter made still another visit to a " Movements for sale, cheap," is the ansolicitor of patents, to exploit the paper watermeion theory again. This time he called on Messrs Roeder & Briesen, 82 Nassau Street. Mr Briesen was in, and proved to be a young man with much briskness of manner, who answered the questions which the reporter put to him in a business-like way.

"How much do you ask?" was the first a little store on Park row, near the big bridge. In answer to an Evening World reporter's

In answer to an Evening World reporter's questions the jeweller said:

'Yes, I can sell a watch movement as low as 15 or 25 cents. Of course, it will not be as good as new, but will keep correct time. We get them at pawnbrokers' sales. Gold and silver watches are 'jut up,' and after examining them we generally bid about what the metal is worth, second hand.

metal is worth, second hand.

"Eighteen carat gold is worth 86 cents a pennyweight, when new, but only 72 cents after it is worn. Sometimes we get stuck by overvaluing a watch, and then we have to works. Anyway, the only profit we make is on the movements. "Well, to make paper out of the red part of watermelon?" returned the reporter.
"That comes under the class of paper and is not a slow one. Two or three weeks would prebably be enough. We should consider six or seven weeks a little long for a case." Again the reporter carried himself and his watermelon idea away, the 'two on better terms than ever. Any young inventor who thinks it worth while to claborate the idea is welcome to do so, since to the fecundity of

on the movements.
"Once in a while I come across an extra Once in a winte I come across an extra fine set of movements, and then I put them to one side. It does not pay to have cases made to fit them, but I manage to dispose of them to somebody who has an empty watch-case that recalls pleasant memories, the machinery having worn out,"

A feature of this old man's business is his credit system, by which one may purchase a

credit system, by which one may purchase a piece of jewelry by paying a small amount weekly. If one stops paying before the en-tire amount is paid, the dealer allows his cus-tomer to select anything else up to the amount paid in.

Notes at the Hotels. H. Reed, of Kentucky; C. E. Young, G. A. Fin-ley and J. L. Hotchkiss, all of Rochester, are at the

Sturtevant.
C. B. Benson, of Oswego; H. L. Johnson, of Scranton, Ps., and Mrs. M. J. Thurber, of Cape May, are at the Barthoidi. may, are at the Bartholdt.

L. F. Stone, of Boaton; W. E. Broderick,
Baltimore; E. B. Parsons, of Sodus Point, and
C. Newitt, of Rocaester, are at the Gilsey. Registered at the Grand Hotel are H. R. Viets, of Boston; T. D. Willis, of Hartford; A. Jenkins, of Syracuse, and Lieut. Henry Kirby, U. S. A. Among the St. James suests are C. H. Sawyer, of Dalias, Tex., L. Finlay, of Little Rock; H. F. Pailman, of Memphis, and Jeff Chandler, of St. Louis.

W. M. Springer, of Springfield, ill.; G. W. De-lamater, of Meadville, Pa.; A. M. Bell and G. O. Gloris, of Washington, B. C., are at the Albe-

At the Brunswick are John McDonald, of Albany; W. S. Beardmore, of Toronto; ex-Mayor F. C. Latroce, of Bastimore, and Thomas B. Mo-Adgo, of Cohoes. Registered at the Fifth Avenue are R. E. hopkins, of Triosville; R. H. Bishop, of Clevelar; Jacob Amos, of Syracuse; Dr. F. Lerita and M. Engert, of Japan. The Silverworkers' Assembly, of Yonkers, has formed as independent society, with a membership of 1,000.

Among the Hoffman House guests are Benjamin Wiloman, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Thomas G. Peck, of Haverstraw; H. C. Plunkett, of England; Abner Smith, of Chicago, and J. F. Whittaker, of St. Joan, N. B.

Joan, N. B.

Conspicuous at the Aster House are J. M. March, of Grand Island, New; R. F. Symonds, of Boston; W. G. Luther, of Connecticut; R. H. Grimu, of Boston; Free Leypold, of Milwanke; H. A. Fisher, of St. Louis, and F. H. Wright, of Toledo. Coming Events. Labor Commissioner Peck's report says that during the past year there were 1,504 shops on strike, involving 14 trades and callings. Of this this number 614 were successful, 190 were compromised or partially successful, while 656 were unsuccessful and twenty-four were pending at the close of the year. The whole number of Strikers was 50,726 and the loss of wages, &c., was \$1,013,576. The employers lost of that amount \$1,102,576. The estimated gala in wages to 11,472 persons was \$944,682.

The White Higs Hat Association will hold its annual ball at Terrace Garden Nov. 27. Annual reception of the William J. Alaman As-ociation at the Atalanta Casino this, Wednesday,

evening, Sept. 5.

The first annual invitation ball of the first association of Greenpoint will tapiace at Eckiord Hall on Monday evening, Oct. The officers are George H. Schaad, Fresident; J. Lennon, Vice-President; Aaron Harris, Sectary; Burt Thorpe, Treasurer.

HERE'S AN EPIDEMIC.

Lovesickness Spreading Like Yellow Pover in Florida-Some Awful Cases. There have been many authentic cases of death from a broken heart, and there can be no doubt that maidens, round and rosy and

plump, have pined and faded and died beprump, nave pined and raded and died because of the death of their best beloved, while blighted affection has as unquestionably led strong men into excesses which have in time brought them to earth—victims indirectly of love.

But who ever heard of an epidemic of love-sickness.

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Tet that seems to be the minary which is making insidious attacks upon young and fair and susceptible New York.

Sweet girs just blossoming into reseate, beautiful womanhood: young men whose tender hearts have succumbed; maidens of uncertain age and bachelors and widowers—none are exempt, appagrantly, and a number none are exempt, apparently, and a number of cases are reported in the columns of a

or cases are reported in the columns of a morning paper.

The symptoms of each case are given, and there can be no doubt of their authenticity.

The most aggravated case is that of "Alfred." Indeed, if one considers his symptoms, one must pity the poor man. Read for yourself.

CLARA—No use in trying to exist without you; it's a dead failure. Will you become my cherished bride? And the sufferings of "Mistletoe" with

the dread malady would melt a heart of stone, and she speaks of another who is a readly, in her thoughts, an angel, because of her situation with this same disease:

Mon Ange - Your misery is an atom compared with mine. Yes, the lane is very, very long, love. MISTLETOE.

And here is "P.," who advertises his own funeral for to-day:
P.—Wednesday. 332 East Seventieth street.
And "Josie"—never strong—pining away under the effects of the disorder;

Tom-Please do come or write to-day. I a breaking down through the suspense. Josie. Reports in several other cases are not so complete and circumstantial, but here they

GEORGE-R ceived six. Yes, just as you suppose; much love, Hamier-Cannot keep appointment made; don't Low-Your two received. Yes, I remember;

SENTINEL.—Prove friendship. What is at issue concerning me? That office, where? Will help friends. Thursday, Sixth avenue, 8 o'clock.

SUING FOR DIVORCE.

Civil Justice Murray's Wife Accuses Her Husband of Cruelty.

Civil Justice Thomas E. Murray, of the Eleventh Judicial District, is named as the defendant in a suit for limited divorce and alimony brought by his young wife Catharne, daughter of the late John Houghtaling.
Mrs. Murray alleges crucity as the cause
for her action. She accuses her husband of
petty and unfounded jealousies, leading to

petty and unfounded jealousies, leading to abusive words and treatment.

The couple have been married but little over a year, and formerly lived in the handsome house at 451 West Forty-seventh street. After the birth of her child, now about two months old, Mrs Murray went to live with her mother, and the justice took rooms at the Hotel Lafayette at Forty-second street and Broadway.

and Broadway.

Justice Murray says the trouble is all due to his mother-in-law's interference, and seems inclined to let the suit go by default. He had known his wife ever since she was a small girl. The justice is but twenty-six years old, and popular among many friends. He is the son of Police Justice Murray.

SPORTING EVENTS.

The Pastime Athletic Club met last night at its cino-house, Sixty-fifth street and the Boalevard, and decided to enter the National Cross-Country

Association. The events to be given at the fall games of the American Athletic Club, to be held at Metropolitat Park, One Hundred and Eighth street and Fire avenue, will include many sharp contests. Over three hundred entries have been received, embracng ail the prominent athletes. Among those who will surely take part in the games are: Wearing, Copeland, Carter, Lange, Jordan, Glibert, Hjerts berg, Halpin, Ford, Sherrill, Dohm, G. Schweler, Young, Burkhardt, Wiegand, Mapes and Skillmat

H. A. Luckeman and C. Reinsmith, of the Spartan Trio, fought a broadsword and a raplet ontest at their clubhouse, Greenpoint, on Tues day evening. Mr. Reinsmith won the broadsword bout. Score, 4 to 3. In the rapier contest Luckeman had a decided advantage over his heavy dversary, winning easily with a score of 5 to 2.

> FUN FOR AFTER DINNER. A City Institution.



Uncle Biles (as passenger jumps off car into sur way trench)-Geewhitz !-! thought we hed some purty deep mud up to Canajoharie, but I'm dinged it comes up ter that !

She Belleved Him at First, [From the Merchant Truveler.]
"You must think we are very incredulous people ere," said a young lady to Gus de Jay at a little

ociable gathering.
"Not at all, weally. What made you think so ?"

'Ob, merely the fact that you spent as many as five minutes at the plane, repeating 'I cannot sing the old songs."

He Enjoyed Water. [From the Merchant Traveler.] "Ah, that is nice and refreshing," said Billy Bliven, as he set down the soup at the boarding

onse table.
'I'm glad to learn you liked it," said the land lady. 'Yes." replied Billy, enthusiastically. ''If there is anything that I do enjoy it's a big, refreshing draught of pure water."

The Instincts of Trade. Naomi-My dear count, don't you think papa adorable?

Italian Count.—well, er—ah...
"Tell me ruly what you think of him."
Count (dreamily)—I think he needs a hair out an An Unconfined Rumor.

[From the Norristown Herald.]
It is stated that Anthony Comstock has cause the arrest of a New York cigar-maker who placed n his shop window a placard bearing the inscrip-tion: "Wanted—Six girls to strip."

In Favor of It. [From the New Hazen News.]
Big Brother (college graduate)—Are you in favor of wool being free of all duty? Undergraduate (with conditions)—Yes, and sheep-kins too.

THEY MADE THEIR ESCAPE

WARD'S ISLAND PERRYMEN PULL BLITHRLY FOR THE SHORE.

veral Abrupt Departures Which Caused the Suspension of Coxswaln Hart-Other Prisoners Didn't Go Because They Didn't Want to, Their Time Being Too Sh.

A short time ago five Workhouse prisoners from Blackwell's Island escaped from Ward's Island within two weeks, and Coxswain James Hart, of the boat which carries visitors back and forth between Ward's Island and East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, was suspended.

About twenty Workhouse prisoners are retained on Ward's Island all the time. They do all sorts of work, except that four or five are kept busy rowing people across Harlem River to the island and back again. These men are under the charge of the

coxswain and remain on Ward's Island. unless they break away, which is often the case, until they have served out their time. This work on the barge is deemed an easy

job and is much coveted by the prisoners. In fact, it is such a sort job that the men on it seem to have little difficulty in running

One reason why the Blackwell's Island Workhouse prisoners are always glad to be sent to Ward's Island is because they are allowed to live on the fat of the land.

It does not pay the officials to cook separate meals for so few men, and so the prisoners are fed the same as the attendants at the insane asylum and the other inferior officers

there.

The first trip of the ferry-boat is made at 7.05 a. m. There are two boats at the landing on the island. The ferry-barge is an ungainly six-oared boat. The other is a skiff, and is light and easy to handle. The oars are laid on two beams in a little shanty at the

landing.

Early one morning, before the first trip to New York had been made, two of the barge's crew separated quietly from the rest and had a short, earnest chat.

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After the two men had agreed upon something between themselves they went back to their companions, and in a few minutes one of them went into the shanly and got the oars to the skiff. The other started for the skiff, which was tied to the landing, and in a remarkably short time the two men were pulling swiftly, across the Harlem River, within plain view of their admiring companions.

No one thought of giving an alarm, and Coxswain Hart found on his return to the landing that he had been cleverly outwitted.

A few days later, at about the same time of day, two more men played the trick on the coxswain and gained their liberty. They gave the names of Finnegan and McCabe.

On the next day but one a suit of clothes furnished by the suthorities at Blackwell's Island was discovered on the bank at the west side of Ward's Island, and a search revealed the fact that another man was missing

vealed the fact that another man was missing from the boat's crew. He had taken to the water during the preceding evening. Coxswain Hart was called up and suspended and an attendant named Deveraux was put in his place. No more men escaped for over a week but the prisoners said it was because they did not care to, their time being short and they preferring to run no risks.

THE JOKE TOURNAMENT.

It Will Close Saturday, Sept. 8, and Spare the Public Further Agony. The Joke Contest will close on Saturday, Sept. 8. No joke received after that date an be entered in the competition.

Judge Nye will announce his decision and award the prize a few days later. The extent of the popular interest in this contest may be appreciated when it is stated that over five thousand communications have

been received in regard to it. They are still

coming in large numbers by every mail, but their quality is not such as to justify a fur-ther continuation of the contest. Commissions by His Absence.

Dude (stepping up and addressing two young ladies)—Would you like to have a gentleman escort you home, ladies?

Nearest Lady Certainly (looking all around). Where is he?

A SEVENTE WARDER.

A gentleman called in a law office in this place some time ago and asked for legal ad-vice on a certain matter. He was told that he would have to pay for any advice he re-ceived there, whereupon he handed Mr. Lawyer a twenty-five cent piece with the re-mark: "Here, tell me all you know and give me the change back."

THOMAS W. ROMAIN, Goshen, N. Y., Sept. 8. A Little Too Previous. Employer—John, why is it that when I come down here early in the morning I see

you are not here yet?

John—Well, boss, I think its because you don't come down here late enough. A. B. In Jersey. He (after missing one)-How quick these mosquitoes are!
She—Yes, they are obliged to be "The Quick or the Dead."

A Youthful Inquiry. Little Willie, when he first saw his baby cousin, gazed in awed silence and then whis-pered: "Mamma, is he a her?" C. Dexheimen, Jr. Labor Men Discussed the "Journal."

The attendance at the meeting of the Miscella neous Section last night was very small. The veteran John O'Shea, of the Excelsior Labor Cinb,

was the presiding spirit.

There has been a great deal of adverse criticism and muon indignation over the manner in which the official Journal was edited, and the section discussed the matter last night, and decided to recommend to the central body that heresiter a committee be appointed to supervise the articles and advertisements prepared for the Labor Journal. Recognized His Profession.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)
Mr. Winks (at a party)—Who is that gentleman you were talking to? Mrs. Winks-I did not hear his name, but he is

some great scientist."
"\* How do you know?"
"Oh, from the awkward, tomfoel way in which
he talks to women."

Sick Headache May arise from stomach troubles, billousness, or dys-persia, and many persons are subject to periodic hand-aches for which they can ascribe no direct or defails

aches for which they can asserbe no direct or definite cause. But the headache is a sure indication that there is something wrong somewhere, and whatever the cause. Hood's Baranparilla is a reliable remedy for headache, and for all troubles which seem to require a corrective and for all troubles. and regulator. It cures dyspopela, bilinuspess, maleria tones the stomach, creates an appetite and gives strength

"I have been troubled for a number of years with "I have been troubled for a number of years sick headachs, accompanied by vounting spells. My spellem was all out of order, and in addition to this I contracted a severe coid, which caused a terrible cough! I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it has accomplished as much shat I am certain of a speedy restoration of particle health. The headachs has left me entirely, and my specific property and my specific property. tem has come to a regular working order." I RIMMERMARN, 609 12th st., Milwaukee, Wis.

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